LORD LESSA AND I CONTINUED WITH MEDITATION OF ATONEMENT IN THE DEEP WOODS ISOLATED FROM THE WORLD.
NO HUMAN COULD INTERFERE WITH OUR MEDITATION.

ERRR~~

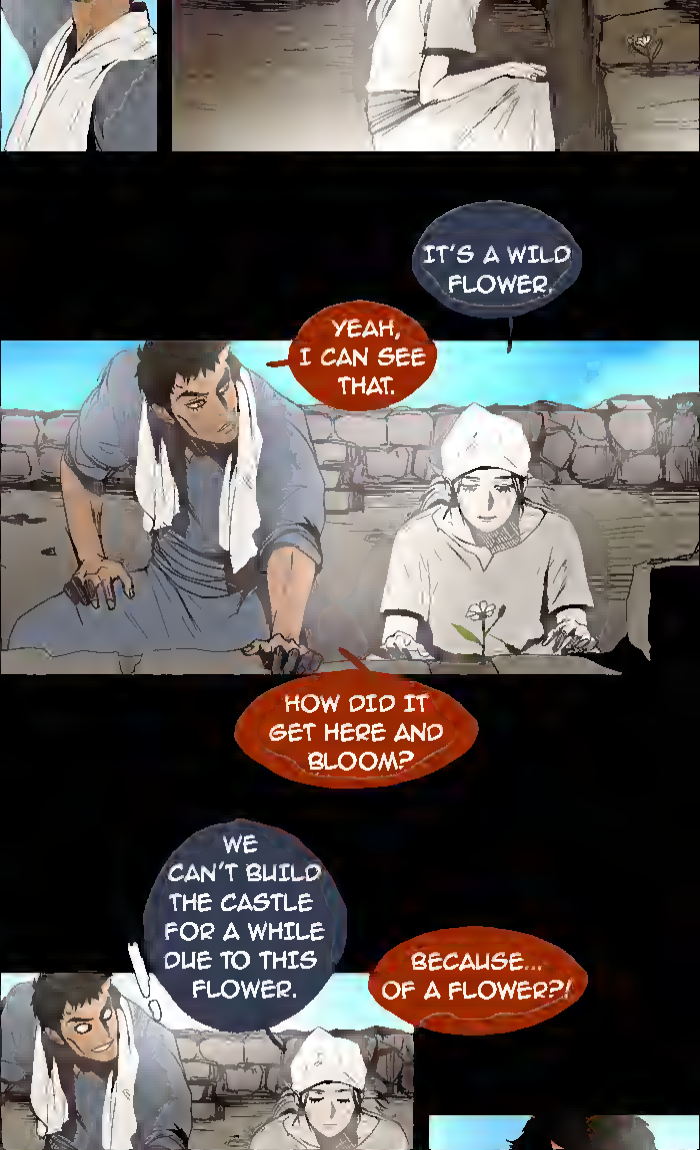
TRETCH
AHHH...

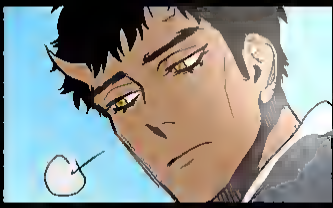
SCRATCH!

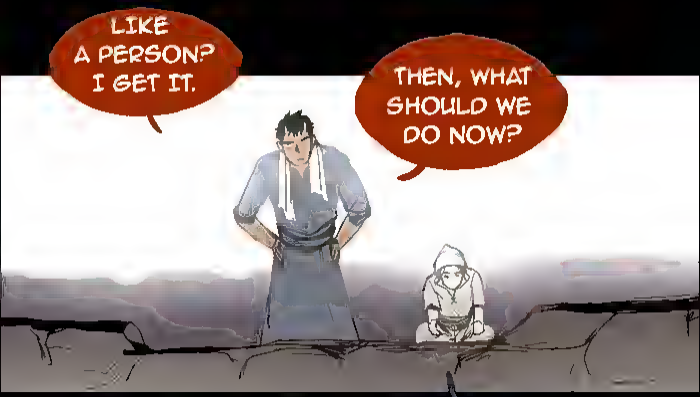
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
STARE

DON'T LAY A HAND ON ITS LIFE.
IF I LEARNED ANYTHING FROM THIS WORLD... THIS IS IT.

BUT WE'RE ALMOST DONE?!
WE CAN'T PUT A BRICK OVER IT WHEN WE KNOW IT'S HERE.
YEAH... BUT...
IT'S JUST A PLAIN FLOWER...
I'LL PLANT IT SOMEWHERE ELSE.
DON'T.
EVERY LIVING THING BLOSSOMS FOR A REASON.


IT'S A WILD FLOWER.
YEAH, I CAN SEE THAT.
HOW DID IT GET HERE AND BLOOM?
WE CAN'T BUILD THE CASTLE FOR A WHILE DUE TO THIS FLOWER.
BECAUSE... OF A FLOWER?!




LIKE A PERSON? I GET IT.
THEN, WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

WELL...
OH!
DON'T YOU WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WILD BERRIES WE SAW TEN YEARS AGO?

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HUH...? WILD BERRIES?
SURE...
I'M CURIOUS..
HONESTLY, I'M NOT CURIOUS AT ALL.
HOW COME? I'VE COUNTED HOW MANY THERE WERE BEFORE.
GASP
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT...?
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CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP

...WOW
THEY'VE GROWN SO BIG!
YOU'RE RIGHT.

OKAY.

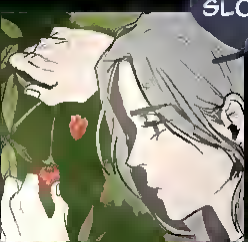
...WHAT...?

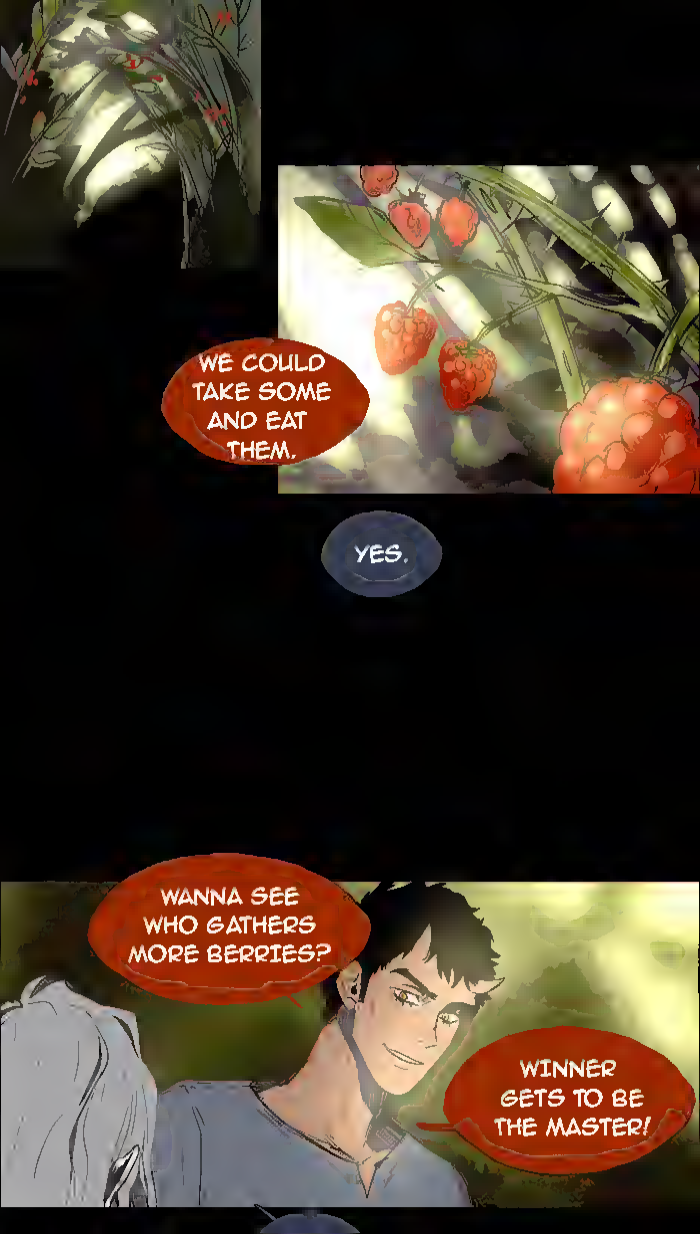
WE HAD NO IDEA TILL THEN. THAT HUMANS ATE THIS PLACE UP LITTLE BY LITTLE...

OUCH!! IT HURTS!

AND COULD END UP COMING IN FRONT OF WHERE WE WERE...

ARES, SLOW DOWN.

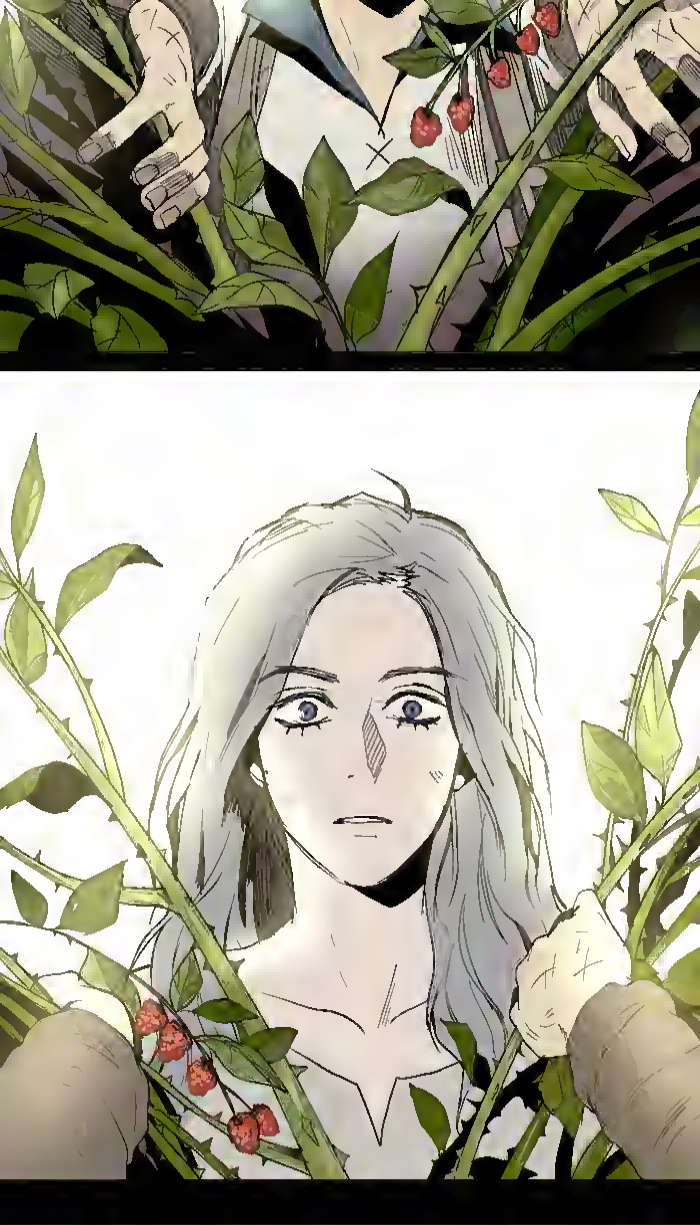



WE COULD TAKE SOME AND EAT THEM.
YES.
WANNA SEE WHO GATHERS MORE BERRIES?
WINNER GETS TO BE THE MASTER!

OOPS!
A YOUNG GIRL TRESPASSED ON OUR PLACE.
RUSTLE

UMM...
?!
SQUIRM
AHHHH!!
FLOP
STARTLED

ARGH!!
...A HUMAN?!



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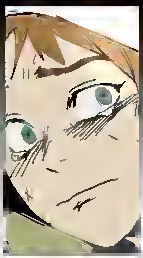
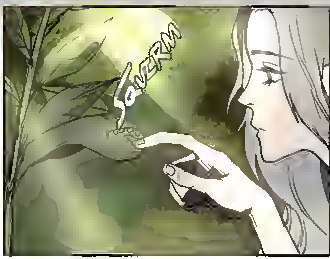
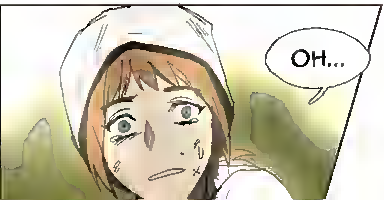



SQUERM


OH...

OMG!!!
IT'S GIGANTIC!!
SWING
SWING
EWWW!!
GET THIS THING OFF ME! PLEASE!
STAY STILL.

TH...
THANKS.

BUT IT'S DANGEROUS HERE... THERE ARE ANIMALS STRONGER THAN BUGS.
I KNOW~ BUT WHAT CAN I DO?
MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS WILL STARVE IF I DON'T DO THIS.
PATTER
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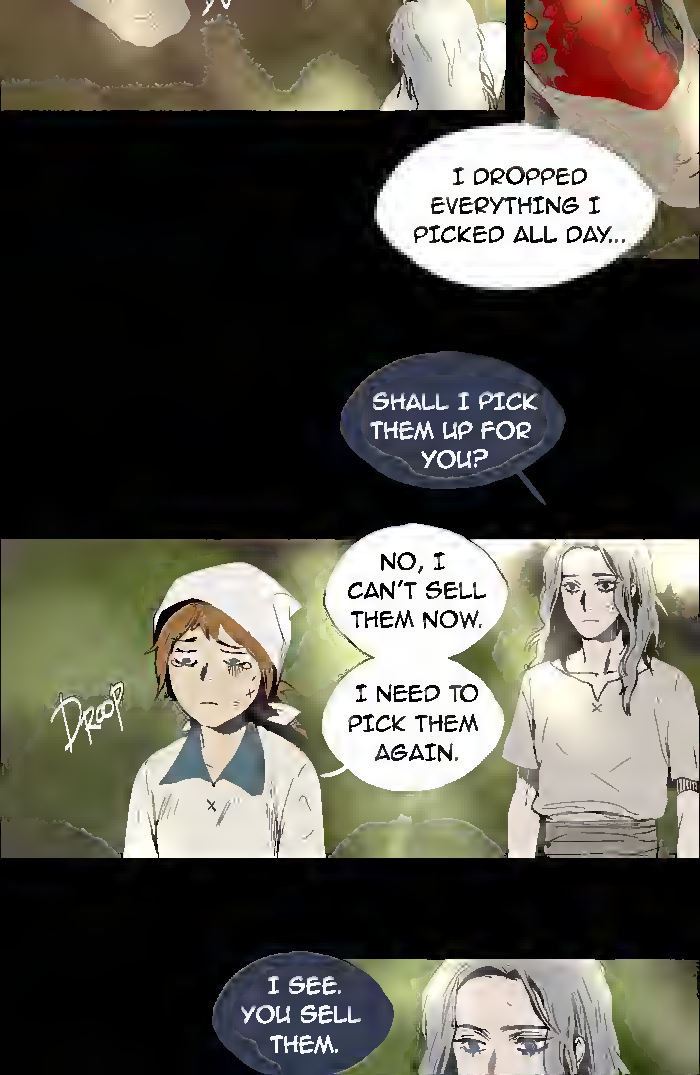
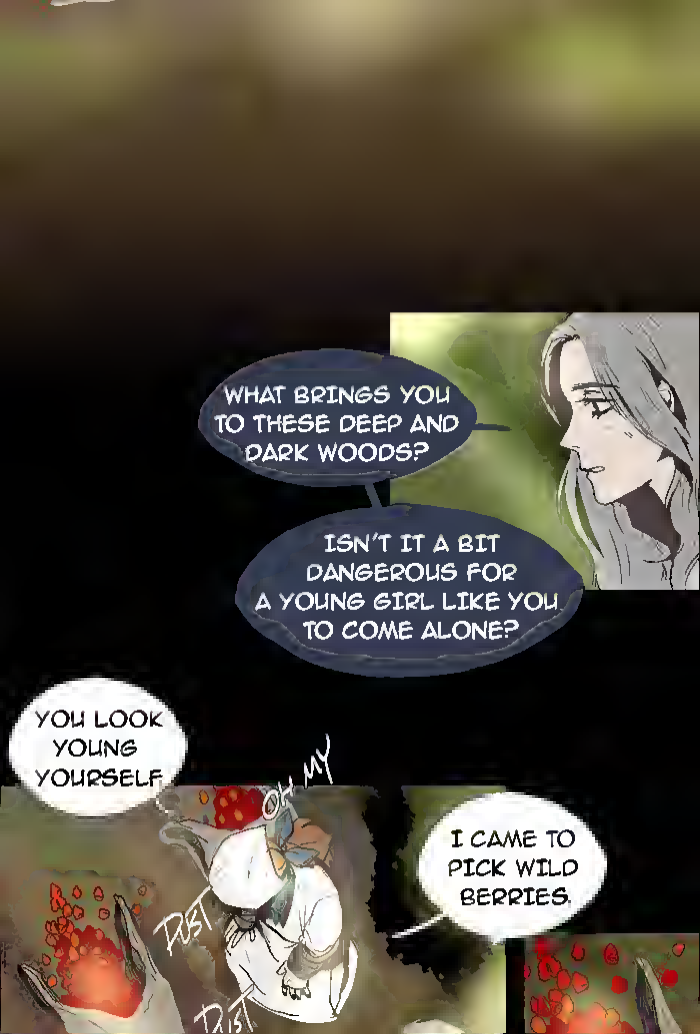

I DROPPED EVERYTHING I PICKED ALL DAY...
SHALL I PICK THEM UP FOR YOU?
NO, I CAN'T SELL THEM NOW.
I NEED TO PICK THEM AGAIN.
DROOP
I SEE. YOU SELL THEM.


WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THESE DEEP AND DARK WOODS?
ISN'T IT A BIT DANGEROUS FOR A YOUNG GIRL LIKE YOU TO COME ALONE?
YOU LOOK YOUNG YOURSELF.
OH MY
I CAME TO PICK WILD BERRIES.
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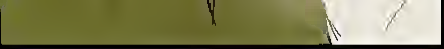

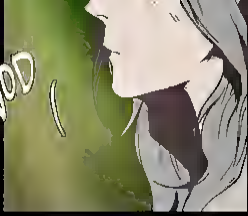
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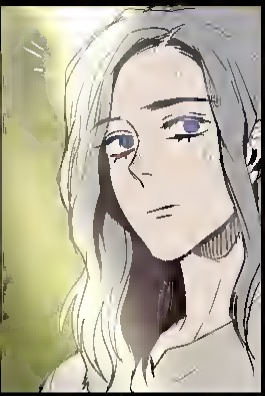
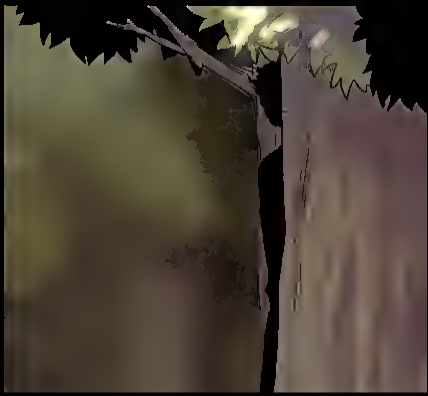
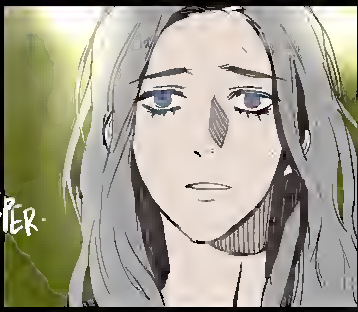


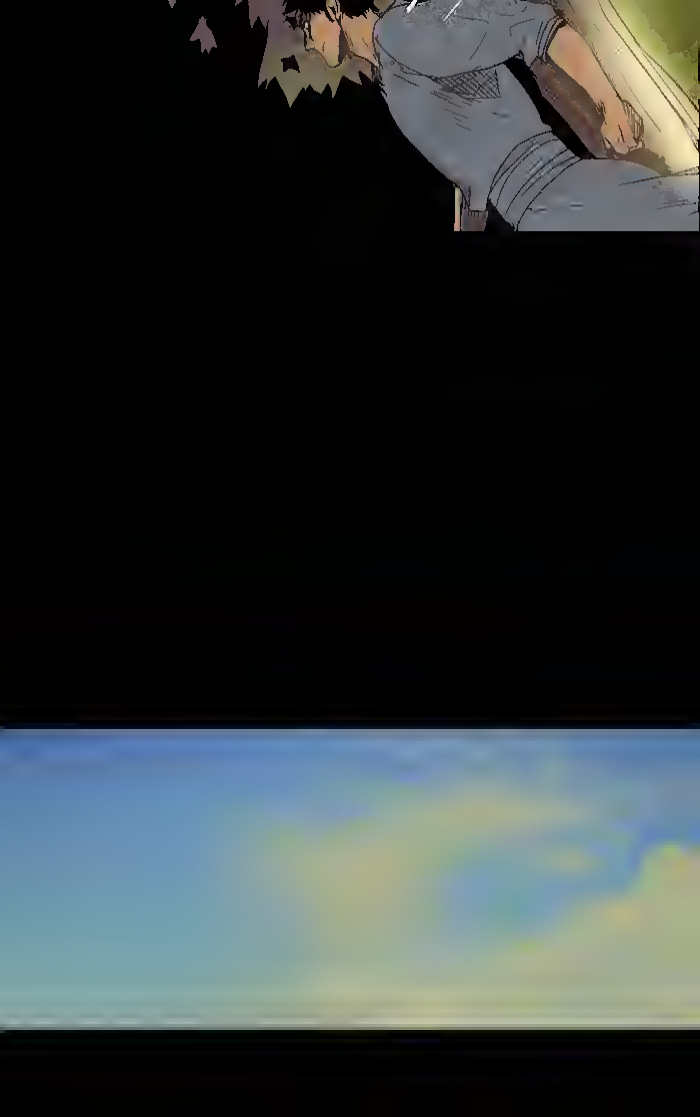




"I'M SORRY".

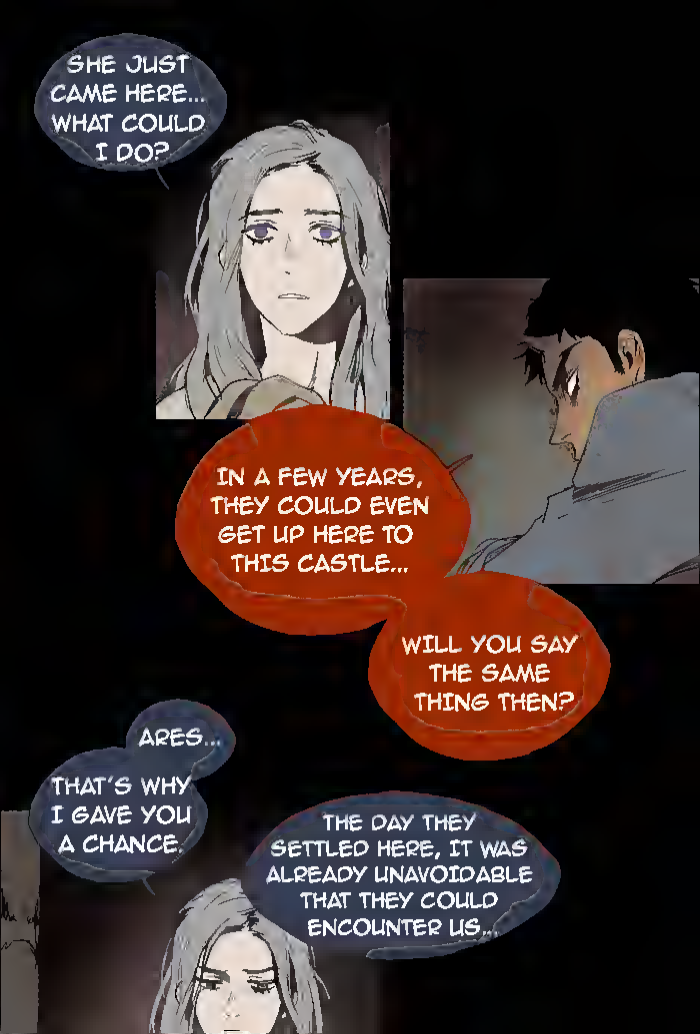
THAT WAS
THE BEGINNING
OF THE DISASTER.

...THEN, LET ME HELP YOU.
YOU WILL?
EMM...
THEN, PLEASE HELP ME A BIT, WOULD YOU?



ARES.

...I BROUGHT YOU SOME BERRIES.
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO ENCOUNTER A HUMAN?
WHAT DO I DO IF THOSE HUMANS COME CRAWLING HERE?


SHE JUST CAME HERE... WHAT COULD I DO?
IN A FEW YEARS, THEY COULD EVEN GET UP HERE TO THIS CASTLE...
WILL YOU SAY THE SAME THING THEN?
ARES...
THAT'S WHY I GAVE YOU A CHANCE.
THE DAY THEY SETTLED HERE, IT WAS ALREADY UNAVOIDABLE THAT THEY COULD ENCOUNTER US...

ONLY IF YOU ARE READY...
BLACK
SWITCH!
NEVER...!!

DID YOU FORGET HOW I'VE LIVED FOR OVER A THOUSAND YEARS?

SAY THAT AGAIN...
CAN'T YOU SEE MY HORNS?
THIS FILTHY THING THAT YOU CREATED...!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ALREADY...?

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